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	Examiner Eric A. Gates	Art Unit 3722	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 15 December 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Claim 1 recites the limitations "the die cutters" in line 2 and "the axes of the cylinders" in lines 6-7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over de Jesus, Jr. (U.S. Patent 6,408,667) in view of Pav et al. (U.S. Patent 4,685,390).

7. Regarding claim 1, de Jesus, Jr., discloses a vertical support and rectilinear translation arrangement for selectively repositioning die cylinders 2/3 between an operative position and a stand-by position in a rotary die cutter 1 having an anvil cylinder 4 and a pair of die cylinders 2/3 alternately operable with said anvil cylinder (alternatively operable after repositioning) to define an operating nip for sheet materials being fed in a machine direction perpendicular to the axes of the cylinders, said arrangement comprising: a supporting base 3b; said pair of die cylinders 2/3 supported at axial opposite cylinder ends for horizontal linear movement in the machine direction on said supporting base 3b relative respectively to said anvil cylinder; and, said respective pair of die cylinders 2/3 supported at axial opposite cylinder ends for vertical movement between an operative position and a stand-by position, wherein, in said operative position, said anvil cylinder 4 and at least one die cylinder 2/3 are vertically aligned and supported on said supporting base 3b. De Jesus, Jr. does not disclose that one of said pair of die cylinders 2/3 is supported for horizontal movement respectively to the other of said die cylinders.

8. Pav et al. teaches the capability of horizontal movement of a single die cylinder 11/12/13/14 when replacing it with another die cylinder (see page 6 lines 67-68 to page 7 lines 1-46) for the purpose of being able to change out only one die cylinder when the other die cylinders don't need replacement. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined

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the arrangement of de Jesus, Jr., with the capability of Pav et al. in order to be able to selectively replace individual die cylinders in the horizontal machine direction.

9. Regarding claim 2, the modified invention of de Jesus, Jr., discloses the substantially as claimed, including disclosing that said anvil cylinder 4 is supported for vertical linear movement together with the operative die cylinder 2 (supported for vertical movement together if both raised simultaneously using respective raising devices, see page 7, lines 33-61) between an operating position and a die cylinder exchange position. De Jesus, Jr., does not disclose that the operating position is the upper position and the exchange position is the lower position. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used these positions, as it would only require a rearrangement of the cylinder supports to make the operating position the upper position and the exchange position the lower position, and it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. In re Japikse, 181 F.2d 1019, 86 USPQ 70 (CCPA 1950)

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 3-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 2 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric A. Gates whose telephone number is 571-272-5498. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:45-6:15.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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